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New Site Downloads

Five new downloads added to the site since last issue.

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Health and Safety for Beginners - HSfB

Introduction

We hope that this issue of our newsletter finds you all safe and well.

This issue marks a new achievement for HSfB. We finally reached the 1,000 visitors in one day figure, which is a huge leap and a new stage in the life of HSfB.

Alongside this, you will notice from our stats section at the bottom, that we are about to break the 100,000 visitor mark!

Unbelievable to think that the site started off as a hobby.

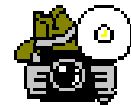
Even if these figures do not sound much to some of you, this is a good day for HSfB, and none of which would have been achievable without YOU!

It has been said before, but it's nice to show appreciation.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment and support, long may it continue for the good of us all.



ASATS Making sense of safety - having fun whilst we're doing it.



[SafetyPhoto](#)

Make Your Point! (Last Week for Trial)

We at **HSfB** try to provide an impartial, informative source of the latest news stories, new legislation and reports etc. However, we recognise that you may have opinions and views on various articles published on our **HSfB** News area. With this in mind, we would like to try our pilot scheme for a further issue, which we are naming - **Make Your Point!** The scheme will enable you to contact us with your views and opinions which we will publish (in complete anonymity if requested) in our fortnightly newsletter. Simply send us your opinions and we will publish your views, without bias.

Click this link to - *Make Your Point!* [Do you have a comment to add?](#)

HSfB Needs Your Help – Study Aids/Tips

Can you help us to grow HSfB even more?

As part of our continuing commitment and goal to provide beginners to the health and safety field free additional tools and advice for studies, we are seeking even more material from our visitors. Do you have any revision aids or tools that you have found useful in the past that you would like to share? It can be anything from one or two tips and hints, to full blown documents that give a better understanding to OSH management or risk assessment.

If you have anything at all, please contact us via any of the means at the foot of this newsletter. You will of course be given full accreditation for your material if you wish

New Legislation

No new legislation
since last issue.

New Consultations

No new
consultations since
last issue.

16 Feb 2005 – Stress Conference in Kent for SME's

HSE Conference on Work-Related Stress for Kent SME's

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) are hosting a free conference for small and medium sized businesses within Kent. The aim is to provide information for employers as to how they can recognise the causes of workplace stress and ways in which they can take action to prevent absence.

The conference, entitled *Managing Work-related Stress in Your Business*, will take place at Kings' Hill Conference Centre, University of Greenwich, Kent on Thursday 24 February 2005, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

16 Feb 2005 – Agriculture to Benefit - Defra Funding

Agriculture to Benefit from Defra Funding

Farmers in North Northumberland will benefit from funding provided by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The funding awarded to the North Northumberland Agricultural Training Association (NNATA), from Defra's Vocational Training Scheme (VTS), will provide training in health and safety practices within the agricultural industry.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

16 Feb 2005 – CDM Duty-Holders Study a Success

CDM Duty-Holders Study Shows Success

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) funded a research report, completed by the Institute of Occupational Medicine, with the aim of "*investigating practices in communication and information exchange amongst CDM duty-holders*" conforming with the key awareness aims of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 (as amended 2000), Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland, 1995) (as amended 2001), (CDM) and related health and safety legislation.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

12 Feb 2005 – HSE Statistics on Falls from Height

HSE National Statistics on Falls From a Height

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a comprehensive report of National Statistics on injuries associated with falls from height since 1996/97 to 2001/02.

The statistics were compiled using HSE and local authority reported cases under the Reporting of Injuries, Disease and Dangerous Occurrences Regulation 1995 (RIDDOR 95), the main three categories reportable being fatal, major and over 3-day injury.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)



12 Feb 2005 – Two New Areas within HSE Website

Two New Areas within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have provided two more new areas within their website for *Corporate Responsibility* and *Director Leadership - case studies*.

Further information and links to the new sites can be found on the HSfB web site's article link below.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

10 Feb 2005 – New Research Reports Within HSE Website

New Research Reports within HSE Website

Click this link for the full list of reports [more....](#)

9 Feb 2005 – HSE's First Annual Statement on Health and Safety

HSE's First Annual Statement Publication on Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have published their first annual statement for health and safety regulation changes forthcoming in 2005.

The publication comes in compliance with the Governments Common Commencement Dates (CCD's) commitment to improve the supply of information to businesses within Great Britain.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

9 Feb 2005 – New Research Reports within HSE Website

New Research Reports within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced a further two new Research Reports within their website for the following:

- [RR304 - Safety implications of European risk based inspection and maintenance methodology](#)
- [RR306 - Investigating practices in communication and information exchange amongst CDM duty-holders](#)

8 Feb 2005 – Safety Awareness Day in York for Housebuilding Industry

Safety Awareness Day in York for Housebuilding Industry

A Safety Awareness Day for local housebuilders, contractors, their workers, apprentices and self-employed sub-contractors will take place on Wednesday 9 February 2005 at Askham Bryan College, York.

The event will provide half hourly demonstrations from industry specialists.

There will also be an exhibition showing what the market has on offer in safety equipment and safety support systems.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

*Principal Inspector:
"The safety record in Yorkshire has improved during that period but sadly there are still preventable incidents that leave workers seriously injured and very occasionally killed"*

HSfB:

“There is no such thing as a “stupid” or “daft” health and safety question!”

8 Feb 2005 – Four New Research Reports from HSE

Four New Research Reports Within HSE Website

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have produced four new Research Reports within their website for the following:

- [RR310 - Managing health at work-recording and monitoring information on sickness absence including work relatedness.](#)
- [RR314 - Evaluation of manual handling tasks involving the use of carry chairs by UK ambulance personnel.](#)

Click this link for all four report links [more....](#)

7 Feb 2005 – Back Week – Hertfordshire, Stevenage

Back Week Imminent in North Hertfordshire and Stevenage

Preparations are being made for businesses, schools and community organisations within Hertfordshire and Stevenage to have their say when a special Back Week commences on 13 June 2005.

Some of the activities in Back Week will include a

safety and health awareness day, school visits, manual handling for home carers and workers and targeted inspections.

Back injuries in the workplace are very costly for the economy, NHS and businesses, to the extent of an estimated £5 billion

each year. This figure includes sickness benefits paid and working days lost through back injuries.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

“Every year the HSE and local authorities receive thousands of reports of accidents, when someone has injured their back at work while lifting or handling - most of these accidents could have been avoided.”
A Representative from the HSE.

7 Feb 2005 – Consult on Punishments - Bad Driving

Consultation on Punishments for Bad Driving

A consultation on *Review of Road Traffic Offences*, requesting proposals for bad driving has been published by the Government and contains proposals as follows:

- New offences (max sentences of 5 years imprisonment) of causing death by careless driving and death resulting from illegal (disqualified or unlicensed) driving.
- A requirement for courts to take serious injuries into account when sentencing
- An alternative verdict of guilty for statutory offences to be available to the courts when the offence of manslaughter is not proved.

The Government aim to reduce the number of people injured, disabled or killed on our roads by bad driving and have set targets to achieve figures of a 40% reduction, with the number of children injured or killed reduced by 50% by the year 2010.

Click this link for the full story [more....](#)

*Founder of RoadPeace:
“RoadPeace, the UK’s charity for road traffic victims, has been calling for many years for an end to using minor traffic charges in response to culpable road deaths and injuries.”*

Featured Web Sites

Within each issue of the HSfB newsletter, we will be featuring web sites that may be of interest to you.

SafetyKnowHow

We deliver expert practical Health & Safety solutions and understanding to UK Hospital Trusts and small and medium sized businesses and other organisations in and around the Greater London area of the UK.

We also undertake overseas Health & Safety training assignments.

Workplace Health and Safety

Having enrolled in certificated IV in Occupational Health and Safety it was clear that there needed to be a web site dedicated to individual's studying OH&S.

The Workplace Health and Safety Web Site was started in March 2004 by Andrew Dedman. Since then the site has grow and more and more people are regularly visiting posting their information on the forums and submitting links.

Join our friends down under in occupational health and safety chat.

HSfB Community Forums

Why not come along and search our community forums to answer your queries or check out our H & S comedy section, you could even register and be part of our ever growing friendly health and safety discussion board. Click this area to go directly there, it's all FREE....

HSfB Site Statistics for February 2005 (so far)

Top 10 Downloads

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|---|---|
| 1. Lifting and Handling Techniques | 7. The Jane Riley Revision Pack |
| 2. Management Style Questions - Paper 1 | 8. Working At Height by Ron Bonner |
| 3. Safety Induction - by Malcolm Strong | 9. Anatomy of an Accident or Hazardous Incident by HSfB |
| 4. Manual Handling by Adams Burt & Associates | 10. General Health and Safety Law Basic by Steve Horrocks |
| 5. Fork-Lift Trucks by HSfB | |
| 6. HSWA - Main Sections Summary for NEBOSH Cert | |

Top Ten Pages Visited

1. Downloads
2. Revision
3. Downloads – PowerPoints
4. Downloads – Documents
5. Toolbox Talks
6. Revision Aids by Jane Riley
7. Legislation News
8. News
9. Downloads – Miscellaneous
10. Quick Revision Tips

Top 5 Browsers

1. **MS Internet Explorer**
2. **FireFox**
3. **Mozilla**
4. **Safari**
5. **Netscape**

Stats for Feb (so far)

Average Daily Visits = 424

Max Daily Visits = 1,145

Visits in Feb (so far) = 7,923

Bandwidth (Feb) = 6,835MB

Total Visits (approx) = 93,402

Forum Members = 191

Newsletter Subscribers = 163

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Our status is a not-for-profit Sole Trader, which is owned, managed and financed by John Johnston AIIRSM.

Our principal functions and activities are to provide continuing advice to beginners in the health and safety field, links to various employment agencies which highlight health and safety careers, links to various training companies for health and safety and also to update professionals on current health and safety news/events.



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